



== Watershed Conservation Authority ==



Board Reports March 28, 2007

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting of the
Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA)

will be held on

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

at 3:00p.m.

at the following locations:

Hall of Adm., 500 W. Temple Street, 7th Floor, Room 726B, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Gateway Cities COG, 16401 Paramount Blvd, Conf. Room, Paramount, CA 90723
San Gabriel Valley Water Company, 11142 Garvey Avenue, El Monte, CA 91734

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed two minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Chair's Report
5. Deputy Attorney General's Report
6. Executive Officer's Reports
 - A. Liaison & Activities Report
 - B. Expenditure Report
7. Regular Calendar
 - A. Consideration of a resolution authorizing an application for the 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Duck Farm Phase 1A project.
 - B. Consideration of resolution adopting Special Use Policies – Filming
 - C. Consideration of resolution adopting the Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report prepared by Overland, Pacific & Cutler for the Azusa River Wilderness Park – El Encanto.
 - D. Consideration of resolution requesting that the City of Azusa approve a Change of Use permit for the Mobile Home Park in the Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto.
 - E. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Request for Bid to conduct a Water System Appraisal and Condition Report for the Azusa Springs Water System at El Encanto.
 - F. Consideration of resolution recommending a sub-grant to Amigos de los Rios for the Emerald Necklace graphics project from the Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage grant.
 - G. Consideration of a resolution accepting a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.
8. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
9. Announcement of next meeting date
10. Adjournment

Agenda

Public participation is welcome on any agenda item. Members of the public wishing to address the Governing Body on any item should address the Chair. During the meeting the governing board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.8 and 54956.9. In advance of the meeting, questions about the agenda items should be addressed to Belinda Faustinos at (626) 458-4315.

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Board Secretary at (626) 458-4315 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA)
January 24, 2007**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 2:33pm – Hall of Adm., 500 W. Temple Street, 8th Fl. Conf. Room 864, Los Angeles, CA 90012 – Gateway Cities COG, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Small Conf. Room, Paramount, CA 90723 - San Gabriel Valley Water Company, 11142 Garvey Avenue, El Monte, CA 91734.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Dan Arrighi, Vice Chair Bookhammer (for Supervisor Burke), Ms. Connie Sziebl (for Supervisor Knabe), Chair Norma Garcia (for Supervisor Molina), Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, and Mr. Diego Cadena (for Mr. Wolfe).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Juventino Gomez (for Supervisor Antonovich), and Ms. Margaret Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were forthcoming.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2006 MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Vice Chair Bookhammer motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

a. Liaison Report

The Executive Officer noted that staff received the final approval on

the plans for the El Encanto project and that the permits would be issued on January 30, 2007, and that the remodeling process could begin. It was noted that staff was able to close on the Citrus Heights surplus property transaction and that it has been recorded by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), and that it is in the process of being transferred to the WCA.

b. Expenditure Report

The Executive Officer pointed out that the Ranger's report included a very detailed log of all of the activities at the sites. It was noted that the WCA will receive revenue for citations issued for posted regulations.

7. REGULAR CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

The Executive Officer noted that the issue of property management has been before the Board on many occasions and that staff has tried to contract out to private consultants; but without success as there were no responses from qualified candidates. It was noted that staff would like to hire a contract employee who would be able to handle the duties involved and that the funds would be available from the lease revenues from both of the sites.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Bookhammer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

The error on the resolution was noted and the date was changed from January 29, 2007 to January 24, 2007.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WCA RESOLUTION 2006-22 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR RIVER PARKWAYS FUNDING FOR THE DUCK FARM PROJECT.

The Executive Officer explained there were technical amendments made to the resolution as it was discovered upon review of the application by the Resources Agency that it was necessary to include certain revisions.

Chair Garcia moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Unanimously passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER.

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary of the settlement and agreement, and a copy of the draft escrow agreement was included in the Board report.

Vice Chair Bookhammer moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RELOCATION GUIDELINES.

The Executive Officer informed the Board that the guidelines are required in order for the WCA to enter into the relocation phase of the mobile home park at the El Encanto Park and are also required by statute to adopt the guidelines to move forward with the relocation plan. It was noted that Mr. Fujimoto has been working with staff to develop the guidelines.

There was a brief discussion regarding the guidelines and meeting state laws and Mr. Fujimoto informed the Board that the guidelines were in accordance, timeline of the relocation process, and the public hearing.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Chair Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TAYLOR PROPERTY IN THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK.

The Executive Officer explained that the recommendation is a result of an agreement that the WCA entered into with the City of Azusa for the operation of the Taylor property. It was noted that staff was approached by a local non-profit organization that wishes to conduct program activities at the site. It was also noted that it would help the WCA in its operations costs and will save the public funds.

Mr. Fujimoto informed the Board that the RMC approved the recommendation on the condition that if the California Conservation Corp. is the sub-tenant, that they would have to agree to indemnify, and it was suggested that the WCA Board approve the resolution consistent with the RMC's recommendation.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Bookhammer second the motion. Unanimously passed.

F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AMENDMENT FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT TO AUGMENT THE BUDGET FOR REFURBISHMENTS (WCA3260).

The Executive Officer directed the Board to pages 51 and 52 of the

budget and staff report noting exactly where the changes were proposed to be made in the expenditure budget.

Chair Garcia moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

8. STATEMENTS, RESPONSES, QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS TO STAFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 54954.2(a) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.

No statements, responses, questions or directions to staff were forthcoming.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on March 28, 2007, at the same locations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00pm.

DATE: March 26, 2007

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 6A: Executive Officer's Report- Project and Liaison Activities

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (SGRDCA): Fundraising efforts continue for the project, with current focus on obtaining designation of funds from the Educational Center portion of Proposition 84. Community Outreach has resumed, with several Stakeholders taking the lead. Prospects for the permanent Executive Officer position are encouraging, and interviews will be scheduled in the near future. The environmental process continues, with June 2007 targeted as the public review period.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA): The next meeting of the LCWA will be on May 2, 2007. Efforts for this entity are focused on completing the road access improvements required on the Phase I parcels, acquisition of the Hellman property (Phase II) in Seal Beach and work on Phase III, the Bixby property.

Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): On April 18, 2007 the Watershed Council will hold a symposium following on the heels of the February national conference, 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities. A panel of local experts will talk about issues such as: How do we get cities to adopt and enforce the needed ordinances? What incentives are needed? Can an existing city be truly sustainable or do we have to start from scratch? What is urban open space? How does more build-out affect open space?

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan: The major focus of activity is on updating the project information, developing priority criteria, identifying gap areas for planning and projects and establishing a post Prop 50 governance structure. Discussions have also been taking place regarding future Prop 84 considerations.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (Study): This Spring the NPS team is preparing a draft "significance statement" for review -- a significance statement documents preliminary findings on the significance of the resources in the study area, as required in NPS special resource studies. The team is expected to submit a significance statement to NPS Washington office for their review before they develop alternatives. The team will also produce draft recreation analysis for NPS and partner review - - this recreation analysis is part of the suitability analysis required for special resource studies, and an important feed-in to the development of alternatives. More information is available at www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel

Upper Santa Clara River: Further partnerships are evolving to pursue the goals of for conservation of resources in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed. The Nature Conservancy recently completed a conservation plan for the Upper Watershed and is actively working in the region. The One Valley One Vision Plan (OVOV), temporally

stalled, will resume this Spring. The OVOV is a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita and Valley residents and businesses to create a single vision and guidelines for the future growth of the Valley and the preservation of natural resources. In addition, development of an Integrated Water Management Plan for the upper Santa Clara River Watershed is underway.

Green Visions: Phase I is complete and final documentation for Phase II is being prepared. The WCA approved allocation of funds for Green Visions Phase III that will refine the planning tools developed thus far and enable the use of the tools for analysis of upcoming funding opportunities and potential projects. An upcoming project meeting will determine a schedule for roll out of the Plan to stakeholders and notification will be sent out once dates and locations are confirmed. Discussions regarding matching funds for Green Visions Phase III are ongoing. Matching funding for Phase III is being considered by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Duck Farm Project: The consultant has completed the phasing recommendations for the Duck Farm Overall Site Plan (Plan) and is proceeding with CEQA documentation for Phase 1 of the Plan. The phasing recommendations identify two separate phases, Phase 1 for that portion of the Duck Farm within unincorporated Los Angeles County and Phase 2 within the City of Industry. Phase 1 elements are clearly defined and are further broken into Phases 1A and 1B. Staff has submitted a proposal for River Parkways funding and for funding from the 2006 Competitive Grant Program of the Los Angeles County Regional Park Open Space District for Phase 1A and, if successful, requested funds will augment RMC and EPA funds to enable the Phase 1A to proceed with a projected date for completion of July, 2009. Funding for further planning for Phase 1B will be pursued in the coming months. CEQA documentation for Phase 1 is expected to be completed by May, 2007.

Phase 2 involves more complex issues and will require further planning before specific elements can be included. Staff will be following up on issues relating to Phase 2 and make recommendations in the coming months to the RMC and WCA for the next steps. Some elements of the Plan not included in Phase 1 such as trail bridges and access improvements may proceed on a separate track depending on transportation funding opportunities.

El Encanto Project: The planning process for El Encanto has completed three concept plans for the Azusa River Wilderness Park which have been reviewed and commented on by the community as well as the Technical Committee and the Steering Committee for the Azusa River Wilderness Park, they can be found on the website. The refurbishments have begun in the Restaurant building. The Relocation and Impact Report is complete and ready for adoption by the WCA, with a change of use hearing with the City of Azusa to be scheduled in late April or May.

Habitat and Science Panel (HSAP): The HSAP met on January 31, 2007, and received updates on RMC projects and plan activities for the 2007 calendar year. The HSAP will also received presentations on the RMC's Riparian and Wetland Mapping and Historical Ecology projects and Green Visions Species Mapping. The HSAP will meet quarterly during 2007. A work plan for 2007, based upon input from the January meeting will be drafted in late March.

DATE: March 28, 2007
TO: WCA Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 6B: Executive Officers Report – Expenditures

The most recent quarterly report follows.



J. TYLER McCAULEY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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AUTHORITY

January 25, 2007

Watershed Conservation Authority
c/o Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Attention: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
900 South Fremont Avenue
Annex Building, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

Dear Ms. Faustinos:

Enclosed is the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Watershed Conservation Authority for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact John Hartnett at (213) 974-8327 or Rachel Rosario at (213) 974-8345.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Tyler McCauley".

J. Tyler McCauley
Auditor-Controller

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Enclosure

cc: Norma Garcia, Chairperson, Watershed Conservation Authority
Donald L. Wolfe, Flood Control District, Dept. of Public Works
Dawna Lawrence, Financial Management, Dept. of Public Works

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**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006**

		WCA Fund / Org V15 / 55678	Duck Farm Fund / Org V19 / 55682	El Encanto Leases Fund / Unit V20 / 55683
Beginning Cash Balance as of 10/1/06		\$ 933,093.77	\$ 166,623.45	\$ 18,454.37
Receipts:				
Interest Earnings *	10/01/06	3,845.97	460.12	38.90
Interest Earnings *	11/01/06	4,323.06	613.23	57.01
Interest Earnings *	12/01/06	3,215.07	528.52	55.49
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000005764	10/03/06		1,100.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000005764	10/03/06			1,245.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000005877	10/04/06			1,400.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000005970	10/05/06			300.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000006253	10/11/06		1,200.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000006216	10/11/06			1,245.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000006603	10/17/06		3,750.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000006603	10/17/06			830.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000006674	10/18/06		3,000.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000006995	10/24/06			1,100.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000007443	10/31/06		1,100.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000007443	10/31/06			440.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000007536	11/01/06		2,800.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000007635	11/02/06			1,245.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000007813	11/06/06			1,400.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000007905	11/07/06			830.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000008096	11/09/06			1,130.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000008174	11/13/06			415.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000008292	11/14/06		4,200.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000008447	11/16/06			440.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000008836	11/22/06			1,100.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000008917	11/27/06		3,750.00	
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000008982	11/28/06		3,900.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000009433	12/05/06			830.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000009550	12/06/06			2,230.00
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000009644	12/07/06			1,130.00
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000010097	12/14/06		1,200.00	
El Encanto Leases DP PW 07000010230	12/18/06			415.00
Grant #RMC3254 DP PW 07000010433	12/20/06	15,000.00		
Grant #RMC3596 JVCT PW 07000002906	12/26/06	130,000.00		
Duck Farm Leases DP PW 07000010808	12/28/06		3,000.00	
Total Beginning Cash Balance and Receipts:		<u>\$ 1,089,477.87</u>	<u>\$ 197,225.32</u>	<u>\$ 36,330.77</u>
Disbursements:				
BOP, Inc.	10/03/06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 334.62
Sun West Realty	10/03/06			782.61
Athens Disposal Co.	10/09/06			847.08
Southern California Edison Company	10/09/06			459.66
ECS Company, Inc.	10/09/06			666.37
Southern California Edison Company	10/15/06		30.94	
Verizon	10/15/06		30.13	121.36
University of Southern California	10/24/06	173,626.21		
Southern California Edison Company	10/26/06			482.40

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006**

		WCA Fund / Org <u>V15 / 55678</u>	Duck Farm Fund / Org <u>V19 / 55682</u>	El Encanto Leases Fund / Unit <u>V20 / 55683</u>
Sun West Realty	10/26/06			341.20
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	11/05/06		9,755.59	
ECS Company, Inc.	11/05/06			666.37
Edaw, Inc.	11/06/06	54,869.97		
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	11/13/06		40,848.68	3,906.42
Sun West Realty	11/13/06			1,856.48
Southern California Edison Company	11/26/06		58.30	
Verizon	11/26/06		60.17	
Athens Disposal Co.	11/26/06			324.86
Verizon	11/26/06			60.89
Sun West Realty	11/26/06			318.16
Southern California Edison Company	11/28/06			430.12
ECS Company, Inc.	11/28/06			662.58
Southern California Edison Company	12/10/06		23.31	
Verizon	12/10/06		31.32	
Athens Disposal Co.	12/10/06			324.86
Southern California Edison Company	12/20/06			385.79
Department of Housing and Community Development	12/20/06			137.00
Sun West Realty	12/20/06			306.25
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	12/21/06	5,045.34		
BlueGreen Consulting	12/26/06	16,184.67		
Total Disbursements:		<u>\$ 249,726.19</u>	<u>\$ 50,838.44</u>	<u>\$ 13,415.08</u>
Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/06		<u>\$ 839,751.68</u>	<u>\$ 146,386.88</u>	<u>\$ 22,915.69</u>

*As of December 31, 2006, the Authority had earned an additional \$11,895.94, \$2,186.39, and \$286.64 in undistributed accrued interest for funds V15, V19, and V20 respectively from the Los Angeles County Treasury Pool.

Prepared by
Los Angeles County
Department of Auditor-Controller
Accounting Division
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DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7A: Consideration of resolution supporting an application for the 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Duck Farm Phase 1A project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution supporting an application for the 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Duck Farm Phase 1A project.

BACKGROUND: The Overall Concept Plan for the Duck Farm provides a layout for improvements that will be implemented in two phases. Phase 1A of the Duck Farm project is the first phase of a multi-phase project on 57 acres on the east bank of the San Gabriel River that will realize the multi-benefit goals of a wide array of stakeholders. The goals of Phase 1A Duck Farm project are to provide much needed passive recreation in a natural setting for the surrounding community of the area and an improved gateway to the San Gabriel River Parkway and Emerald Necklace. Under Phase 1A, access to the San Gabriel River through the Duck Farm, up to now prohibitive, will be greatly improved by means of an improved entrance, parking and landscaped trails leading to an enhanced river overlook.

Consistent with the San Gabriel River Master Plan (SGRMP), the river corridor will become a major local and regional recreational destination for many of the park poor neighborhoods along the river. The Duck Farm is identified in the SGRMP as a key project that will not only provide such assess but will provide a significant acres of passive recreation by means of trails, picnic area and overlooks along this soft-bottom reach of the river. Phase 1A of the Duck Farm plan will be the first step in this direction. The Duck Farm is also a project that is included in the Emerald Necklace, an open space plan for the San Gabriel Valley that seeks to connect communities from Los Angeles County and 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents to the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo by means of river based parks and trails. The Duck Farm will be a major destination on the Emerald Necklace park network. Trail bridges that are part of the Phase 2 planning will connect the Duck Farm to the San Gabriel River Bike Trail that extends from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Pacific Ocean at Seal Beach. The trail bridges will also connect the Duck Farm to area schools on the west side of the river and to the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, 5 miles to the south.

The Duck Farm is located is an economically challenged dense urban part of the San Gabriel Valley with a population to park acreage ratio well below the national average. A recently completed overall site concept plan for the Duck Farm project was developed by the WCA and stakeholders along with an implementation plan that defined two phases (please see attached Concept Plan). Phase 1A will include public access by means of a trail connecting the east and west parcels of the project site leading to a river promenade to the San Gabriel River, 14 acres of riparian landscape,

a community garden, native plant nursery, a wildflower meadow and a river promenade. CEQA documentation for Phase 1A is due to be completed by May, 2007. The native plant nursery will be operated as a business venture by a qualified business or non-profit organization. WCA has had a number of discussions with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) regarding their interest in operating a landscape and nursery venture at the Duck Farm. LACC is currently developing a business plan for the venture.

WCA is actively pursuing funding for Phase 1B for the project in the coming year. The timeline for development of the remaining 31 acres, Phase 2, of the Duck Farm will be determined at a later date contingent upon adjacent project planning and feasibility studies for some of the Phase 2 features.

The **Phase 1A** project components are as follows:

- The new entrance at Proctor Street would include a public entrance gate, landscaping, and park signage. Improvements will consist of widening the existing access to facilitate a two lane access road. The existing I-605 Freeway underpass connecting the east and west sides of the property will be improved to provide safe pedestrian trail access between the East Parcel and the North Parcel of the Duck Farm site. This would include resurfacing, drainage improvements, and lighting. No structural changes or widening of the underpass would occur. A temporary dirt “trail head” parking lot would be developed on the East Parcel. The lot would provide approximately 20 parking spaces. A 150-space lot would be developed at this location in a future park phase.
- A Pocket Park will be located on the east side of the property adjacent to the parking. This will serve the passive recreation needs of the local community.
- Trails will connect the improved entrance at Proctor Street through the under pass, along the Riparian Corridor to the wildflower meadow to the river overlook.
- 14-16 acres of riparian vegetation will provide a landscape backdrop for the trail and lay a foundation for a riparian corridor that will be part of a future phase.
- A 3.5 acre Wildflower Meadow will provide areas for passive recreation, picnicking and fitness stations.
- A River Overlook area will provide a viewing station at the rivers edge with interpretive exhibits of the role of the San Gabriel River in the watershed.

A timeline for completion of Phase 1A is attached as Exhibit A to this report. CEQA compliance documentation for Phase 1A and 1B is currently being prepared and is expected to be complete by May, 2007.

RMC has previously awarded grants to the WCA for the Duck Farm project for acquisition of the Duck Farm and for overall site planning. In addition grants were awarded to the WCA to conduct geotechnical studies and to provide professional services associated with the pre-acquisition expenses. As indicated in the attached budget, Exhibit B, the projected cost of Phase 1A amounts to \$4,587,576. The WCA was awarded \$467,000 for a Supplemental Environmental Project from an EPA settlement that will be used towards funding 14-16 acres of riparian habitat. The WCA

has submitted an application for \$1,985,711 in Prop 50 River Parkways funding from the Resources Agency and for \$147,477 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Molina's 2006 Trails Grant Program. If successful the Trails grant from Los Angeles County will provide funds for trail access improvements incorporating a pocket park on the Proctor Street entrance to the project. Item 7G on the agenda for this meeting addresses further funding for completion of the Duck Farm Phase 1A project.

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March 28, 2007- Item 7A
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-07

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING
FOR THE DUCK FARM PHASE 1A PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Watershed Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Watershed Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Watershed Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that Watershed Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that Watershed Conservation Authority has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Executive Officer or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Passed, approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007

ATTEST:

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DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7B: Consideration of resolution adopting Special Use Policies – Filming.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution adopting Special Use Policies – Filming

BACKGROUND: With the recommendation of the RMC the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has purchased several properties: the Duck Farm, El Encanto and Citrus Grove Heights. These properties are open space and are to be developed for restoration, conservation, environmental enhancement and passive recreational purposes. At any given time there are opportunities to host a variety of special uses such as commercial or filming use, parking lot rental, family picnics/reunions, etc. As a public entity it is critical that the WCA adopt policies to address such requests in a manner that is consistent with existing laws, grant requirements, provides for liability protection for the agency, public safety and natural resource protection.

At present the only Special Use which has been requested and is feasible at both sites is filming and associated parking lot rental. At such time that renovations are complete at the individual sites there may be further opportunities to develop a special use permit for use of the facilities for meetings and group picnics. However, for the purposes of establishing procedures for filming events it is recommended that the attached permit policy and application be approved.

The Film Permit implements fees where the rates that are proposed by staff based on other park district's rates for these uses. Part of the costs for allowing this type of use is for at least one Ranger to staff the event for oversight and protection of the property as well as health and safety issues. Attached are the proposed Filming Permit Application, proposed Special Use Policy- Filming and example permit.

Watershed Conservation Authority Filming Application

Park Requested: _____ **Specific Location Requested:** _____

Production Company

Contact Information

Company Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____	Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____
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Permit Services

Company: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____	Contact Name: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
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Project Information

Special Effect Information

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Please Fax to: 626-979-5363

Permit # _____

**Watershed Conservation Authority
Filming Application
Additional Information**

- ☐ The **Watershed Conservation Authority(WCA)**, the **Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)**, the **Los Angeles County Flood Control District**, the **State of California** and the **Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority** are to be named as additional insured in a policy of liability insurance which will cover the period of the permit*. A certificate of insurance, with the required endorsements, shall be submitted to the representative when the permit is submitted for approval. The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this permit is in effect without ten day's prior written notice to the above named entities. This policy of liability insurance is to be in an amount not less than the following:

Public Liability:	\$5 million each person
Property Damage Liability:	\$5 million each occurrence
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Medical Payments:	\$5,000 each person

- ☐ If Generator is used , Applicant must obtain clearance from and have a fire marshal on site from LA County Fire Department. Applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to provide the fire marshal.

- ☐ An WCA monitor is required for all permitted activities with a four hour minimum.

Watershed Conservation Authority Special Use Policy- Filming

The guidelines adopted define the requirements for a commercial entity to film or use any portion of lands held by the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for filming activity or production of commercial still pictures.

1.) No person shall use parkland for any commercial or filming use without a permit issued by the Executive Officer or his designee. Commercial or filming use may be permitted only when to do so would not damage or impair the natural features of any park, nor unreasonably interfere with public enjoyment of the area. Any person using WCA parkland for commercial or filming purposes shall have the original signed permit in their possession and shall display such permit at the request of any employee of the Authority or of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, or any peace officer. No person shall violate any term, condition, or limitation of any such permit.

2.) The scope of the filming activity (or production of commercial still pictures) and the manner and extent that the production will involve the use of parkland are to be consistent with the goals of the agency.

3.) Permittee must be self-contained, i.e. restroom facilities, removal of all trash, food facilities, electricity and water. (If generator is used, Permittee must obtain clearance from and have a fire marshal on site from LA County Fire Department. Permittee understands that they will provide the fire marshal.)

4.) WCA filming monitors will be utilized to make sure the production company is following the terms of any permit granted, to protect the park and its resources, and to maintain visitor access. The WCA is not responsible for providing security. If a production company has concerns about the privacy of its cast and crew, it is their responsibility to provide their own security.

5.) The permittee will accept and will comply with the following conditions:

- a. Utmost care will be exercised to see that no natural, historic or cultural features are injured and, after completion of the work, the area will, as required by the official in charge, either be cleaned up and restored to its prior condition or left, after clean-up, in condition satisfactory to the official in charge.
- b. Credit will be given, where appropriate and agreed upon to the Watershed Conservation Authority through use of an appropriate title or announcement. To be approved by the WCA prior to air date.
- c. Photographing or filming of resident wildlife will be permitted only when such wildlife will not be molested, harmed, or disturbed thereby. Wildlife captured elsewhere will not be allowed in any filming whether trained or not. Domestic animals may be used if humane treatment is maintained at all times.

- d. Permittee understands that they and their designated agents are required to comply with all park regulations. If park regulations have been violated by Permittee or Permittees designated agents then such violations will be addressed by law enforcement Rangers.
 - e. Permittee understands that there will be no open fires or charcoal grills utilized on the property, a grill powered by propane will be acceptable.
 - f. Permittee will ensure that all vehicles, equipment, etc. must meet all state and federal safety standards and regulations. Furthermore, if traffic rules need to be modified in order for heavy equipment or large equipment to gain safe entry into the park then Permittee is required to arrange that ahead of time with the Filming Coordinator and a Ranger will be assigned to supervise these activities
- 6.) A WCA staff person or representative shall supervise prep, strike, filming and related activities done within the park. The representative will have the authority to make all supervision decisions to assure compliance with the permit, applicable regulations, and park rules and regulations.
- 7.) The permittee, in exercising the privileges granted by the permit shall comply with the regulations of state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, or regulations which are applicable to the area of operations covered by this permit.
- 8.) The permit is a revocable permit and may be revoked at the discretion of the film coordinator or her designee upon 24 hours notice or without notice if damage to resources or facilities is threatened, notwithstanding any other term or condition of the permit to the contrary.
- 9.) The permittee shall agree to save and hold harmless and indemnify the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the State of California, and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority their agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits at law or equity of whatever kind of nature for damages to or loss or property or injury or death to persons resulting directly or indirectly from or attributable to the permittee or its employees or contractors in connection with the activities authorized by this permit excepting only the willful misconduct of WCA.
- a. The Watershed Conservation Authority, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the State of California and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority are to be named as additional insured in a policy of liability insurance which will cover the period of the permit. A certificate of insurance, with the required endorsements, shall be submitted to the representative when the permit is submitted for approval. The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this permit is in effect without ten day's prior written notice to the Watershed Conservation Authority. This policy of liability insurance is to be in an amount not less than the following:

Public Liability:	\$5 million each person;
Property Damage Liability:	\$5 million each occurrence;
Products Damage Liability:	\$ 5 million;

Medical Payments

\$5,000 each person

10.) Permittee shall control all traffic and vehicles as directed by the representative. Parking will be allowed only in areas designated by the representative. Vehicles must keep off natural and planted areas at all times.

11.) The WCA will charge:

\$10/personal vehicle, \$40/Truck (like Grip Trucks, and star wagons) for vehicle parking

\$1000 in a site fee if the site is used as a base for crew or filming

\$70.00/hr in Ranger Fees (Film Monitorin)

12.) Permittee shall pay a 4 hour minimum ranger fee of \$280.00 if 12 hour cancellation notice is not given. Also, Permittee agrees that in the event Permittee cancels the permit without providing 24 hours notice, Permittee will pay a cancellation fee in the amount of \$250.00, if 24 hour cancellation notice is not given. These fees are not transferable.

13.) The permittee may be required to make a cash deposit to insure that the area is left in as good condition after completion of filming activities as it was before. Return of the deposit is subject to compliance with the terms of this permit.

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FILMING PERMIT

PERMIT # 07-XXX

This permit, when approved, will authorize

as "permittee" to make use of the El Encanto site in the Azusa River Wilderness Park or the Duck Farm

property managed by the Watershed Conservation Authority

on XXX,XXXX from XXXX to XXX

The scope of the filming activity (or production of commercial still pictures) and the manner and extent that the production will involve the use of parkland are as follows (describe in detail using other pages if necessary):

Use of park for a film Shoot. Permittee ...

Permittee must be self-contained, i.e. restroom facilities, removal of all trash, food facilities, electricity and water. If generator is used, Permittee must obtain clearance from and have a fire marshal on site from LA County Fire Department. Permittee understands that it is their responsibility to provide the fire marshal.)

WCA filming monitors are in place to make sure the production company is following the terms of this permit, to protect the park and its resources, and to maintain visitor access. The WCA is not responsible for providing security for this film shoot. If a production company has concerns about the privacy of its cast and crew, it is their responsibility to provide their own security.

2. Extension of this permit may only be made by the Executive Director, of Watershed Conservation Authority or his designee, in writing.

3. The undersigned accepts and will comply with the following conditions:

a. Utmost care will be exercised to see that no natural, historic or cultural features are injured and, after completion of the work, the area will, as required by the official in charge, either be cleaned up and restored to its prior condition or left, after clean-up, in condition satisfactory to the official in charge.

b. Credit will ____; Credit will not ____ be given the Watershed Conservation Authority through use of an appropriate title or announcement. To be approved by the WCA prior to air date.

c. Photographing or filming of resident wildlife will be permitted only when such wildlife will not be molested, harmed, or disturbed thereby. Wildlife captured elsewhere will not

be allowed in any filming whether trained or not. Domestic animals may be used if humane treatment is maintained at all times.

d. Any special instruction received from the official in charge of the area will be complied with.

e. Any additional information relating to the privilege applied for by this application will be furnished upon request of the official in charge.

f. No personal gratuity of any nature whatsoever will be offered to any employee of the represented entity in connection with the exercise of the privilege granted.

g. Permittee understands that they and their designated agents are required to comply with all park regulations. If park regulations have been violated by Permittee or Permittees designated agents then such violations will be addressed by law enforcement Rangers.

f. Permittee understands that there will be no open fires or charcoal grills utilized on the property, a grill powered by propane will be acceptable.

i. Permittee will insure that all vehicles, equipment, etc. must meet all state and federal safety standards and regulations. Furthermore, if traffic rules need to be modified in order for heavy equipment or large equipment to gain safe entry into the park then Permittee is required to arrange that ahead of time with the Filming Coordinator and a Ranger will be assigned to supervise these activities

4. A MRCA Ranger or a WCA representative will supervise prep, strike, filming and related activities done within the park. The representative will have the authority to make all supervision decisions to assure compliance with the permit, applicable regulations, and park rules and regulations. Permittee agrees to pay immediately upon invoice the ranger fee of \$70.00 per hour per ranger.

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5. The permittee may be required to make a cash deposit to insure that the area is left in as good condition after completion of filming activities as it was before. Return of the deposit is subject to compliance with the terms of this permit.

6. The permittee, in exercising the privileges granted by the permit shall comply with the regulations of state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, or regulations which are applicable to the area of operations covered by this permit.

7. This permit is a revocable permit and may be revoked at the discretion of the film coordinator or her designee upon 24 hours notice or without notice of damage to resources for facilities is threatened, notwithstanding any other term or condition of the permit to the contrary.

8. The permittee hereby agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), the State of California, and Mountains Recreation and

Conservation Authority their agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits at law or equity of whatever kind of nature for damages to or loss or property or injury or death to persons resulting directly or indirectly from or attributable to the permittee or its employees or contractors in connection with the activities authorized by this permit excepting only the willful misconduct of WCA.

9. The Watershed Conservation Authority, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the State of California and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority are to be name as additional insured in a policy of liability insurance which will cover the period of the permit. A certificate of insurance, with the required endorsements, shall be submitted to the representative when the permit is submitted for approval. The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this permit is in effect without ten day's prior written notice to the Watershed Conservation Authority. This policy of liability insurance is to be in an amount not less than the following:

Public Liability:	\$5 million each person;
Property Damage Liability:	\$5 million each occurrence;
Products Damage Liability:	\$5 million.
Medical Payments	\$5,000 each person

Copy of binder attached _____

On file at WCA _____

10. Permittee will control all traffic and vehicles as directed by the representative. Parking will be allowed only in areas designated by the representative. Vehicles must keep off natural and planted areas at all times.

11. Permittee understands and accepts the following MRCA Ordinance 1-2003 section 3.13: No person shall use parkland for any commercial or filming use without a permit issued by the Executive Officer or his designee. Commercial or filming use may be permitted only when to do so would not damage or impair the natural features of any park, nor unreasonably interfere with public enjoyment of the area. Any person using WCA parkland for commercial or filming purposes shall have the original signed permit in their possession and shall display such permit at the request of any employee of the Authority or of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, or any peace officer. No person shall violate any term, condition, or limitation of any such permit.

12. Permittee agrees to pay \$XX.XX to the WCA (\$XX.XX in site fees and \$X.XX in Ranger Fees). A check or money order made out to the WCA needs to be sent to the WCA Offices located at 900 S Fremont Ave Annex 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803 by 10am on XX XX, XXXX.

PERMIT CONDITIONS ACCEPTED BY:

Signature: _____

Date:

Printed Name:

Company:

Physical Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

APPROVED BY:

Date:

March 28, 2007- Item 7B

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-08

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY (WCA) TO ADOPT SPECIAL USE POLICIES –
FILMING

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated March 28, 2007.
4. ADOPTS Special Use Policies – Filming.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on March 28, 2007.

Chuck E. Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7C: Consideration of resolution adopting the Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report prepared by Overland, Pacific & Cutler for the Azusa River Wilderness Park – El Encanto.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution adopting the Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report prepared by Overland, Pacific & Cutler for the Azusa River Wilderness Park – El Encanto.

BACKGROUND: In February of 2006 the Watershed Conservation Authority acquired the El Encanto property for the purposes of expansion and improvement of the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area. These plans are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation, the purposes of the WCA. The property consists of 39.9 acres where approximately 5 acres are developed. On the developed portion of the property there is a residential duplex, a garage with an apartment on the second story, an empty restaurant building and an 11 unit mobile home park. The existing mobile home units and the continuation of a mobile home park use do not fit within the proposed uses of the property.

In mid 2006 the WCA went through the request for proposal process and awarded a contract to Overland, Pacific & Cutler to prepare a Relocation and Impact Report for the mobile home park located on the El Encanto property. As the process to change the use of the property moves forward the Relocation and Impact Report has been completed (See attached exhibit: Watershed Conservation Authority Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report for the Azusa River Wilderness Park Project). Adopting the plan is the next step in Relocation and closure of the Mobile Home Park.

The Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report provides the results of a needs assessment survey, a housing resource study and details of the proposed relocation program the WCA will follow, including the necessary elements for the closure of the mobile home park. This Document sets forth policies and procedures necessary to conform with statutes and regulations established by the California Relocation Assistance Law, California Government Code section 7260 et seq., and the California Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Guidelines, Title 25, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6, Section 6000 et seq. (the Guidelines) as it relates to relocation assistance activities. Additionally, this Document identifies the requirements that must be met for the closure of a mobile home park established by a California Government Code section 65863.7 and 65863.8, and California Civil Code 798.56.

The Document is organized in 5 sections:

1. A description of the Project's regional location and specific site setting (SECTION I);

2. An assessment of the relocation needs of persons subject to displacement as a result of the Project (SECTION II);
3. An assessment of available replacement housing units in proximity to the Project (SECTION III);
4. A listing and assessment of the necessary components for the mobile home park closure requirements (SECTION IV); and
5. A review of the relocation assistance program to be offered to displaced residents (SECTION V).

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March 28, 2007- Item 7C

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-09

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY (WCA) TO ADOPT THE RELOCATION PLAN
AND CONVERSION IMPACT REPORT PREPARED BY
OVERLAND, PACIFIC & CUTLER FOR THE AZUSA RIVER
WILDERNESS PARK – EL ENCANTO.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated March 28, 2007.
4. ADOPTS the Relocation Plan and Conversion Impact Report prepared by Overland, Pacific & Cutler for the Azusa River Wilderness Park – El Encanto..

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on March 28, 2007.

Chuck Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7D: Consideration of resolution requesting that the City of Azusa approve a Change of Use permit for the Mobile Home Park in the Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution requesting that the City of Azusa approve a Change of Use permit for the Mobile Home Park in the Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto.

BACKGROUND: In February of 2006 the Watershed Conservation Authority acquired the El Encanto property for the purposes of expansion and improvement of the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area. These plans are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation, the purposes of the WCA. The property consists of 39.9 acres where approximately 5 acres are developed. On the developed portion of the property there is a residential duplex, a garage with an apartment on the second story, an empty restaurant building and an 11 unit mobile home park. The existing mobile home units and the continuation of a mobile home park are not consistent with the proposed uses of the property.

Mobile Home Parks have permits from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to operate as well as local ordinances that may impact the ability to operate a mobile home park (Park ID 19-1577-MP). The City of Azusa has adopted the state guidelines and regulations regarding mobile home parks, which require that if there is a closure within the city jurisdiction that there will be a public hearing. This action would authorize a request to the City of Azusa for a change of use permit that will lead to the closure of the mobile home park and reclaiming the property for open space uses. The WCA has retained a relocation specialist to insure that all proper steps are being taken to comply with all applicable laws.

March 28, 2007 – Item 7D
RESOLUTION 2007-10

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF AZUSA APPROVE
A CHANGE OF USE PERMIT FOR THE MOBILE HOME PARK IN
THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK AT EL ENCANTO.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Azusa River Wilderness Park is a project that supports the WCA goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. REQUESTS that the City of Azusa approve a Change of Use permit for the Mobile Home Park in the Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated March 28, 2007.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on March 28, 2007.

Chuck Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto,
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7E: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Request for Bid to conduct a Water System Appraisal and Condition Report for the Azusa Springs Water System at El Encanto.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution authorizing a Request for Bid to conduct a Water System Appraisal and Condition Report for the Azusa Springs Water System at El Encanto.

BACKGROUND: In February of 2006 the Watershed Conservation Authority acquired the El Encanto property for the purposes of expansion and improvement of the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area. These plans are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation, the purposes of the WCA. The property consists of 39.9 acres where approximately 5 acres are developed. On the developed portion of the property there is a residential duplex, a garage with an apartment on the second story, an empty restaurant building and an 11 unit mobile home park. There is also a water system with a surface well that services the developed portions of the property.

The Azusa Springs Water System is defined as a Community Water System by the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. The California Health and Safety Code require that the WCA must submit a change of ownership by submitting a new application (Section 116525 (a)). The code also requires that any changes to the Water System must be submitted for approval by the Department of Health Services (Section 116550 (a)). The code further requires that the water supplier demonstrate that it possesses the technical, managerial and financial (TMF) capability to deliver pure, wholesome, potable water (Section 116540 (a)).

Currently the WCA utilizes the services of the ECS Company to perform the duties of running and oversight of the water system. The contract Rangers assist in this process by testing the water for Chlorine and Turbidity on a daily basis. WCA staff is working with County staff and the Rural Water Association on the application which includes the TMF. In order to complete the TMF there must be an assessment of the system to understand the condition and lifespan remaining of all its components. This assessment must be completed by a water system professional that can appropriately assess the Azusa Springs System. In discussions with County staff and the Rural Water Association staff it is estimated that this assessment will cost more than \$5,000.00. Therefore, it is required under WCA operational policies to seek bids from a contractor for this work.

Bid Specifications
Water System Assessment and
Condition Report

**Watershed Conservation
Authority**

(WCA)

2007

WCA
NOTICE OF INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR
Water System Appraisal and Condition Report
For the
Azusa Springs Water System at El Encanto

The WCA is a joint powers authority of San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District whose mission is to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation. The objective of this solicitation is to select a firm that is best qualified to provide the requested services.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and on the forms available in the bidder's packet and shall be identified as "Water System Appraisal and Condition Report – WCA Properties – Do Not Open with Regular Mail" on the envelope. No telegraphic or telephonic proposal will be considered. If you have questions before submitting your bid please call Jane Beesley, Project Manager, 626-458-7190.

A mandatory Bidders conference will be held at 10 am on April 11, 2007 at the Azusa River Wilderness Park at 100 Old San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa, CA 91702. All potential bidders should attend this pre-bid meeting. Failure to do so will result in rejection of bid.

Each bid must be submitted to 900 S Fremont Ave, Annex 2 Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803, on or before 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, and will be opened shortly thereafter, and will be submitted to the WCA Board for award of a contract or rejection of all bids at their total discretion.

Dated: This 30th day of March 2007.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR
WATER SYSTEM APPRAISAL AND CONDITION REPORT
For the Community Water System at El Encanto**

REQUIREMENT: Assessment and Condition Report for the Azusa Springs Community Water System at 100 Old San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa, CA 91702. The Azusa Springs Water Distribution System is designed to supply potable water to the following facilities: El Encanto Restaurant Building, 11 Unit Mobile Home Park and 3 Apartment Units. See Exhibit A for more detailed description of system. This report will be utilized in completing the Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF) Capacity of the Community public water system.

Contractor shall be qualified to assess a Community Water System

Contractor shall coordinate all work with WCA or its designated representative.

Work must be completed by September 15, 2007, or no later than 135 day from start date..

DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following terms are used in these specifications, they shall be understood to mean and refer to the following:

1. System- Shall be referred to hereafter as the Azusa Springs Community Water System at El Encanto.
- 2.
3. Contractor – Shall be referred to hereafter as the person or persons, company, firm or corporation who has been awarded a Water System Appraisal and Condition Report contract from the WCA.

SCOPE OF WORK – Work is expected to begin no later than June 1, 2007 – *or as otherwise instructed by the WCA or its representative.*

1. All work shall be done in a prescribed manner as determined by the WCA or its designee, i.e. Project Manager Jane Beesley. Contractor is responsible to furnish adequate staff and equipment to meet deadline.
2. Contractor shall at all times have one (1) person whom shall be responsible for the conduct and supervision any staff on site.
3. Contractor shall at all times furnish the equipment and personnel needed to complete the required work in the most efficient manner.
4. Contractor shall obey all State and Federal laws and codes, all local ordinances and regulation and any other laws, codes, ordinances and regulations that may apply. It is the responsibility of the contractor to keep informed of these laws,

codes, ordinances and regulations and to keep informed of any changes to them.

5. Contractor shall produce as-built maps or drawings that show the location of all of the facilities in the system.
6. Contractor shall produce maps that show the existing and future service areas, sources of supply and contaminations hazards, and other critical facilities that are essential to the operation of any water system.
7. Contractor shall assess and document the location, condition and type of materials of water source, treatment facility, pumping plant, storage tank(s), and pressure zone in the system as well as all distribution system piping.
8. Contractor shall map existing Septic System location (including leach fields).
9. Contractor shall evaluate the feasibility of incorporating into the existing water system operated by Azusa Light & Water.
10. Contractor shall document the water system's ability to comply with the California Waterworks Standards contained in Chapter 16, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations.
11. Contractor shall assess and document existing treatment facilities for compliance with applicable regulations, e.g., the Surface Water Treatment Regulations. This assessment must address all regulatory requirements that apply as well as the treatment facility's ability to reliably produce water that meets the appropriate water quality standards.
12. Contractor shall assess and document existing source, storage and distribution system's design capacity and operational ability to maintain the pressure specified in the California Waterworks Standards, Chapter 16, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations, throughout the distribution system under daily, peak daily and peak monthly demands. This assessment must include fire flow.
13. Contractor will complete a hydraulic analysis of the impacted areas of the transmission and distribution system, to ensure reliable compliance with pressure standards under maximum demand conditions. Or a pressure survey of the water system, approved by the WCA and the Los Angeles County Department of Health.
14. Contractor shall complete an evaluation and report of the condition and remaining service life of existing facilities.
15. Contractor shall complete a prioritized list of deficiencies and needed system improvements along with current cost analysis to serve as a basis for a five and ten year Capital Improvement Plan.
16. Contractor shall develop a system Operations Plan that addresses how the water system will be operated to comply with drinking water requirements and

the California Waterworks Standards. The plan must address the following items:

- Daily operational practices
- Emergency operational practices
- Flushing dead-end mains
- Storage Tank inspection and cleaning
- Main repair and replacement
- Consumer complaint response procedures
- Maintenance and testing of backflow prevention devices
- Inspecting and exercising water main valves
- Maintenance of master flow meters
- Responsibilities of operating personnel
- Operation of all production, transmission and distribution facilities
- Record Keeping
- A maintenance plan for all facilities

17. Contractor is expected to work steadily once work has started in order to complete work assigned in a timely manner.

GENERAL:

1. The contractor will promptly notify the WCA of any damage to public or private property as a result of Water System Appraisal and Condition Report assessment activities.
2. All work which is determined by the by the WCA or its designee to be unacceptable or deficient in any of the requirements of the bid shall be remedied by the Contractor at his expense in a manner acceptable to the WCA.

**BID INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR
WATER SYSTEM APPRAISAL AND CONDITION REPORT**

GENERAL

The Bidder shall examine carefully these specifications, the proposal and all other contract documents. The submission of a proposal shall be considered conclusive evidence that the Bidder has investigated and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered in respect to the character, quality and quantities of the contract.

Anything called for in any one of said documents shall be deemed to be required equally as if called for in all these documents; Specifications, Bid Instructions and Conditions, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Non-Collusion, Statement of Experience, Bid Security form, and Written Agreement executed by the parties, shall constitute the Contract; the documents constituting the same are intended to be read together and to require a complete and finished piece of work, including all labor and equipment necessary for the proper execution and completion thereof.

1. Reservation: The WCA reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, to waive any informality on any bid and to be the sole judge of the relative merits of material mentioned in the respective bids received.
2. Bid Form: The proposal must be made on the forms provided for that purpose, enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked as "Water System Appraisal and Condition Report – WCA Properties – Do Not Open with Regular Mail" on the envelope. No telegraphic or telephonic proposal will be considered. Must be delivered to 900 S Fremont Ave, Annex 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Blank spaces in the proposal must be properly filled in, using ink, indelible pencil or typewriter, and the phraseology of the proposal must not be changed. Bid Proposal shall be stated, both in numbers and in longhand. Additionally, the signature of all persons signing shall be in longhand. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations, or proviso attached to a proposal could be considered to render it unresponsive and may cause its rejection. Alteration by erasure or interlineations must be explained or noted in the proposal over the signature of the Bidder. Bidders or their representatives are invited to be present at the opening of proposals. One (1) copy of the completed Bid Proposal Form shall be submitted to the WCA on the date and time specified in the Notice Inviting Sealed Bids.

3. The Contract: The Bidder to whom the award is made will enter into a written contract with the WCA. In case of default by the Contractor, the WCA reserves the right to procure the services from other sources and to hold the Contractor responsible for any excess costs incurred by the WCA thereby. A copy of a sample WCA contract is attached.
 - A. The Water System Appraisal and Condition Report contract shall be effective from the date contract is approved by the WCA through September 15, 2007, or no later than 135 days from start date.
 - B. Contractor shall employ a sufficient number of staff and equipment to assure completion of the Water System Appraisal and Condition Report program.
 - C. Contractor shall, within ten (10) calendar days notice from the WCA, be prepared to being and diligently prosecute to completion, all work required in accordance with these specifications.
4. Payment:
 - A. Payment shall be made after an approved invoice is submitted. Contractor shall submit an invoice for all work itemizing each task.
 - B. Payment shall not be made until the WCA or its representative, have inspected each phase of work and determined that the project has been satisfactorily completed.
5. Permits: All permit fees and licenses necessary for the completion of the work shall be paid for by the Contractor and subcontractors.

6. The preceding Specifications, Notice Inviting Sealed Bids, Bid Instructions and Conditions and the attached are applicable to this Bid and the BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES ACCEPTANCE THEREOF BY SIGNING AND FILING SAID BID.

CHECKLIST OF PROPOSAL PACKET

ITEM DUE April 25, 2007 ON OR BEFORE 12:00 P.M. -Noon

- _____ 1. Completed Proposal Form
- _____ 2. Task Pricing
- _____ 3. Completed Statement of Experience
- _____ 4. Signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion

CHECKLIST OF AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS

UPON AWARD OF CONTRACT

The following items shall be returned as part of the Contract packet by the successful Bidder prior to issuance of a contract by the WCA.

- _____ 1. INSURANCE
Contractor agrees the Indemnification and Insurance Provisions (See Attached Insurance Exhibit B)
- _____ 2. Proof of all required Permits and Licenses.
- _____ 3. Signed Contract Agreement or comments on Contract Agreement

TASK PRICING TABLE

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Task 5		Task 11	
Task 6		Task 12	
Task 7		Task 13	
Task 8		Task 14	
Task 9		Task 15	
Task 10		Task 16	

BID PROPOSAL FORM

Watershed Conservation Authority
 900 S Fremont Ave, Annex 2nd Floor
 Alhambra, CA 91803

ATTENTION: Jane Beesley, Project Manager

In accordance with your invitation to submit a bid to provide Water System Appraisal and Condition Report as per the specifications, the undersigned hereby agrees to accept all terms and conditions and to provide the services,

SIGNED: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

BASE BID PRICE** TOTAL = _____(in numbers)

TOTAL = _____(in longhand)

And further to initiate the services specified herein within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed from the WCA.

 By (Signed) and Dated Title

STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE

This page to be completed by bidder and submitted to the WCA as part of your quotation.

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| 1. | Bidder's Name | Company Name |
| 2. | Business Address | |
| 3. | Business Telephone Number | |
| 4. | Previous Contracts Completed – Last Five (5) Years | |

Contract Dates From To	Jurisdiction (Agency)	Project Manager/ Phone Number Reference	Contract Amount (Total)

Signature _____

Date _____

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned, as bidder, declares that this proposal is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation and that the only person or parties interested as principals are names herein. Having carefully examined the Notice Inviting Bids, the Specifications, the Bid Instructions and Conditions, the Agreement, and the Bid Proposal

Form, we do hereby propose and agree, in the event of acceptance hereof, to Enter into the required agreement with the WCA.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2007.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

NAME OF COMPANY

SIGNATURE

TITLE

AZUSA SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT A

The Azusa Springs Water Distribution System is a community watery system designed to supply potable water to the following facilities:

1. El Encanto Restaurant
2. 11 Unit Mobile Home Park
3. 3 Unit Apartment Complex

Divided by the San Gabriel River, the Azusa Springs Water Distribution System is supplied by a ground water well, which is considered under the influence of surface water. This well is equipped with a 2HP Franklin motor and an 11 stage Grundfos submersible pump. The well has approximately 40 feet of 1 1/4" column, and is capable of producing 20 GPM (Gallons Per Minute). The operation of this well is by a mechanical time clock, which presently operates the well twice a day, 2 to 4 hours each time.

The well is equipped with a Stenner sodium hypo chlorinator chemical injection system, designed to chlorinate and maintain a residual through out the water system. The well discharge is the first point of chlorination provided for system disinfection. The water flow then continues up the hill to a duel stage filtration system. The filter system consists of two pressurized permanent media sand filters. A majority of the suspended particles are removed in the primary filter, and then the secondary filter polishes the water as it proceeds to storage.

The Azusa Springs Water System has a total of 2 storage tanks in use. Each tank has a storage capacity of approximately 9,000 gallons. From the storage facility this system is then gravity fed through 2 separate distribution mains. There is a 6- inch water main, which feeds 9 out of the 11 mobile homes and one fire hydrant. Also there is a 2-inch water main, which feeds the balance of the distribution system.

As required by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health Services, the Azusa Springs Water System monitors its source and distribution system for Bacteriological quality monthly. All water quality monitoring is provided as specified by the Mountain & Rural Water, Sewerage & Subdivisions Program.

Exhibit B: Contractor

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS

I. INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), and Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District), its agents, appointed and elected officers, and employees from and against any and all liability, expense (including defense costs and legal fees), or claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, including without limitation, bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage (including property of CONTRACTOR), arising from, or connected with, any alleged willful or negligent act, error, or omission of CONTRACTOR, its agents, or subcontractors of any tier.

The foregoing paragraph notwithstanding, CONTRACTOR further agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless WCA, RMC, the District and their respective agents, appointed and elected officers, and employees from and against any Workers' Compensation suits, liability, or expense arising from, or connected with, any services performed pursuant to this agreement on behalf of CONTRACTOR by any person.

Neither the CONTRACTOR, nor its agents and subcontractors of any tier, shall be obligated to indemnify the WCA and its related persons and entities for liabilities caused by the active negligence of the WCA and its related persons and entities. However, this provision does not limit any obligation to defend or indemnify the WCA and its related persons and entities arising under the policies of insurance maintained by the CONTRACTOR under this provision.

II. INSURANCE

Without limiting CONTRACTOR indemnification of WCA and during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain at its own expense the following programs of insurance. Such programs and evidence of insurance shall be satisfactory to the WCA and primary to and not contributing with, any other insurance maintained by the WCA. Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage shall be delivered to the Watershed Conservation Authority, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex Bldg., Alhambra, CA 91803, prior to commencing services under this Agreement, shall specifically identify this Agreement, and shall contain the express condition that WCA is to be given written notice by registered mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification or termination of insurance.

Failure by CONTRACTOR to procure and maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which WCA may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

A. Liability:

Such insurance shall be endorsed naming the Watershed Conservation Authority as an additional insured and shall include:

1. 1. General liability insurance written on a commercial general liability form or on a comprehensive general liability form covering the hazards of premises/operations, contractual, independent contractors,

advertising, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, and personal injury with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

2. 2. Comprehensive auto liability for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

a. If written with an annual aggregate limit, the policy limit should be three times the above required occurrence limit.

b. If written on a claims form, the CONTRACTOR shall be required to provide an extended two-year reporting period commencing upon termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

B. Workers' Compensation:

Insurance in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) limit, covering all persons the CONTRACTOR is legally required to cover.

Contractor agrees to the above Indemnification and Insurance Provisions.

_____ Initials

March 28, 2007 – Item 7E

RESOLUTION 2007 -11

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR BID TO CONDUCT A WATER SYSTEM
APPRAISAL AND CONDITION REPORT FOR THE AZUSA SPRINGS
WATER SYSTEM AT EL ENCANTO.

WHEREAS, the WCA has been established to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, this action will approve the release of a Request for Bid; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated March 28, 2007.
4. AUTHORIZES a Request for Bid to conduct a Water System Appraisal and Condition Report for the Azusa Springs Water System at El Encanto.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on March 28, 2007.

Chuck Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7F: Consideration of resolution recommending a sub-grant to Amigos de los Rios for the Emerald Necklace graphics project from the Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage grant WCA (3248).

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board authorize a resolution authorizing a sub-grant to Amigos de los Rios for the Emerald Necklace graphics project from the Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage grant (WCA3248).

BACKGROUND: On July 18, 2005 the RMC adopted the Emerald Necklace Accord. The purpose of the Emerald Necklace Accord is to establish a partnership of municipalities and agencies in the San Gabriel Valley to actively support the conservation of the Valley's rivers and tributaries for habitat and recreation. The concept of preserved river adjacent open space areas connected by a network of trails has been a part of landscape planning since its inception. One of the most recognized applications of the concept is the original Emerald Necklace, a network of open space areas in the City of Boston designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted in 1887. Since then the concept has been part of landscape planning and has influenced many successful projects. In the San Gabriel Valley, where park space is limited and land is scarce for new parks, the concept of an Emerald Necklace offers a solution that can benefit a wide population of the valley by making use of existing right of ways and recreation areas.

With 12 cities, agencies and other organizations now signed on to the accord and with several projects like Lashbrook Park, Thienes completed with Rio Vista Park in El Monte, Encanto Park in Duarte and others in design and development there is a need to develop signage guidelines for the Emerald Necklace project to ensure wayfinding consistency throughout the entire Network. The guidelines will provide a clear record of signage developed thus far at Lashbrook Park including specifications for manufacture of each element. The signage within the package will address multiple scales of experience and appropriate packages of signs for parks of various sizes. Also to be included are two templates for interpretive signage to be adapted per project base on local natural and cultural history. These guidelines will have common signage elements that are a subset of the Los Angeles River Mater Plan Signage Guidelines as well as the San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan Guidelines. Up to now Amigos de los Rios has provided the components to be placed into signs designed by others to make this happen with no additional costs to the new project, this takes a great deal of professional staff time that could be resolved with files that are easily accessible.

The signage guidelines produced will be made available on a CD for distribution to Emerald Necklace Coalition Members and other project stakeholders. The guidelines will specify and unify the size of the signs, materials, the colors, and the dimensions of the different components within the signs. The guidelines will take 7 months to complete and cost \$8,625.00.

Added to this Project are the Interpretive Panels for the Bosque del Rio Hondo. Over a year ago the grant for these panels to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was returned due to capacity issues that the MRCA was having at the time. These panels will be completed with input from MRCA staff as well as RMC staff. They will cost \$10,000.00 as originally budgeted for. The total budget for this Project to Amigos de los Rios is \$18,625.00 and will include staff time to gather approvals from County staff as well as the appropriate stakeholders to both river master plans.

This sub-grant will be funded out of the Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage project (RMC3248) granted to the WCA in the amount of \$500,000. There is currently \$32,000.00 remaining in this grant; if this project is approved it will leave \$13,348.00.

Emerald Necklace Signage Grant 2007: Exhibit A

RMC	Prop A	Emerald Necklace Signage Schedule	
	April	\$300.00	Summary of signage system - how we developed it and why - role of each sign within overall mandate of Emerald Necklace
April		\$2,700.00	Produce Specification Sheet on each or 12 signs - size, font, color, resolution of images - proportions (file types required for manufacturing)
	May	\$1,000.00	Suggestions for appropriate combination of signage per location on the Necklace - Written & Illustrated w system diagram
April	April	\$1,200.00	Templates for Water Conservation, Local History, Youth Built the Park Sign
	May	\$750.00	Approach to logos to be included and logo at resolution kit/Copy Right Process
	May	\$500.00	Produce Brochure/Cut Sheets on Signage
April-July		\$10,000.00	Design, fabricate and install Bosque Panels
July		\$200.00	Design CD
August		\$225.00	Produce CD - 75 Copies
July		\$4,000.00	Expanded Version of overall Locator Map
	August	\$3,000.00	EN Safety and Security Map - complete with mile marker overlay
June-August			Approval by County - orchestrated by RMC
August	October	\$2,250.00	Admin & Project Management
		\$26,125.00	Total Budget for Project

Emerald Necklace Signage Grant: Exhibit B

RMC	Prop A	Emerald Necklace Signage Budget	
	\$300.00	\$300.00	Summary of signage system - how we developed it and why - role of each sign within overall mandate of Emerald Necklace
\$2,700.00		\$2,700.00	Produce Specification Sheet on each or 12 signs - size, font, color, resolution of images - proportions (file types required for manufacturing)
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Suggestions for appropriate combination of signage per location on the Necklace - Written & Illustrated w system diagram
\$400.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	Templates for Water Conservation, Local History, Youth Built the Park Sign
	\$750.00	\$750.00	Approach to logos to be included and logo at resolution kit/Copy Right Process
	\$500.00	\$500.00	Produce Brochure/Cut Sheets on Signage
\$200.00		\$200.00	Design CD
\$225.00		\$225.00	Produce CD - 75 Copies
\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	Expanded Version of overall Locator Map
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	EN Safety and Security Map - complete with mile marker overlay
\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	Bosque Interpretive Panels- Design, Fabrication & Installation
			Approval by County - orchestrated by RMC
\$1,100.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,250.00	Admin & Project Management
\$18,625.00	\$7,500.00	\$26,125.00	Total Budget

March 28, 2007 - Item 7F

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUB-GRANT TO AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS FOR THE EMERALD NECKLACE GRAPHICS PROJECT FROM THE TRAIL, BIKE PATH, ACCESS AND SIGNAGE GRANT (WCA3248).

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the WCA has received a grant for Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage along the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers; and

WHEREAS, this action will approve a sub-grant to Amigos de Los Rios; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated March 28, 2007
3. AUTHORIZES a sub-grant to Amigos de los Rios for the Emerald Necklace graphics project from the Trail, Bike Path, Access and Signage grant..

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERESHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ON March 28, 2007

Chuck E. Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: March 28, 2007

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7G: Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the WCA Board accept a grant in the amount of \$1,987,389 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.

BACKGROUND: The Overall Concept Plan for the Duck Farm provides a layout for improvements that will be implemented in two phases. Phase 1A of the Duck Farm project is the first phase of a multi-phase project on 57 acres on the east bank of the San Gabriel River that will realize the multi-benefit goals of a wide array of stakeholders. The goals of Phase 1A Duck Farm project are to provide much needed passive recreation in a natural setting for the surrounding community of the area and an improved gateway to the San Gabriel River Parkway and Emerald Necklace. Under Phase 1A, access to the San Gabriel River through the Duck Farm, up to now prohibitive, will be greatly improved by means of an improved entrance, parking and landscaped trails leading to an enhanced river overlook.

Consistent with the San Gabriel River Master Plan (SGRMP), the river corridor will become a major local and regional recreational destination for many of the park poor neighborhoods along the river. The Duck Farm is identified in the SGRMP as a key project that will not only provide such assess but will provide a significant acres of passive recreation by means of trails, picnic area and overlooks along this soft-bottom reach of the river. Phase 1A of the Duck Farm plan will be the first step in this direction. The Duck Farm is also a project that is included in the Emerald Necklace, an open space plan for the San Gabriel Valley that seeks to connect communities from Los Angeles County and 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents to the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo by means of river based parks and trails. The Duck Farm will be a major destination on the Emerald Necklace park network. Trail bridges that are part of the Phase 2 planning will connect the Duck Farm to the San Gabriel River Bike Trail that extends from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Pacific Ocean at Seal Beach. The trail bridges will also connect the Duck Farm to area schools on the west side of the river and to the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, 5 miles to the south.

The Duck Farm is located is an economically challenged dense urban part of the San Gabriel Valley with a population to park acreage ratio well below the national average. A recently completed overall site concept plan for the Duck Farm project was developed by the WCA and stakeholders along with an implementation plan that defined two phases (please see attached Concept Plan). Phase 1A will include public access by means of a trail connecting the east and west parcels of the project site leading to a river promenade to the San Gabriel River, 14 acres of riparian landscape, a community garden, native plant nursery, a wildflower meadow and a river

promenade. CEQA documentation for Phase 1A is due to be completed by May, 2007. The native plant nursery will be operated as a business venture by a qualified business or non-profit organization. WCA has had a number of discussions with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) regarding their interest in operating a landscape and nursery venture at the Duck Farm. LACC is currently developing a business plan for the venture.

WCA is actively pursuing funding for Phase 1B for the project in the coming year. The timeline for development of the remaining 31 acres, Phase 2, of the Duck Farm will be determined at a later date contingent upon adjacent project planning and feasibility studies for some of the Phase 2 features.

The **Phase 1A** project components are as follows:

- The new entrance at Proctor Street would include a public entrance gate, landscaping, and park signage. Improvements will consist of widening the existing access to facilitate a two lane access road. The existing I-605 Freeway underpass connecting the east and west sides of the property will be improved to provide safe pedestrian trail access between the East Parcel and the North Parcel of the Duck Farm site. This would include resurfacing, drainage improvements, and lighting. No structural changes or widening of the underpass would occur. A temporary dirt “trail head” parking lot would be developed on the East Parcel. The lot would provide approximately 20 parking spaces. A 150-space lot would be developed at this location in a future park phase.
- A Pocket Park will be located on the east side of the property adjacent to the parking. This will serve the passive recreation needs of the local community.
- Trails will connect the improved entrance at Proctor Street through the underpass, along the Riparian Corridor to the wildflower meadow to the river overlook.
- 14-16 acres of riparian vegetation will provide a landscape backdrop for the trail and lay a foundation for a riparian corridor that will be part of a future phase.
- A 3.5 acre Wildflower Meadow will provide areas for passive recreation, picnicking and fitness stations.
- A River Overlook area will provide a viewing station at the rivers edge with interpretive exhibits of the role of the San Gabriel River in the watershed.

A timeline for completion of Phase 1A is attached as Exhibit A to this report. CEQA compliance documentation for Phase 1A and 1B is currently being prepared and is expected to be complete by May, 2007.

RMC has previously awarded grants to the WCA for the Duck Farm project for acquisition of the Duck Farm and for overall site planning. In addition grants were awarded to the WCA to conduct geotechnical studies and to provide professional services associated with the pre-acquisition expenses. As indicated in the attached budget, Exhibit B, the projected cost of Phase 1A amounts to \$4,587,576. The WCA was awarded \$467,000 for a Supplemental Environmental Project from an EPA settlement that will be used towards funding 14-16 acres of riparian habitat. The WCA has submitted an application for \$1,985,711 in Prop 50 River Parkways funding from

the Resources Agency and for \$147,477 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Molina's 2006 Trails Grant Program. If these proposals are successful, the funding of \$1,987,389 under this grant will provide the necessary funding to complete Phase 1A.

Duck Farm Phase 1A timeline	
Completion of CEQA compliance	May 2007
Prepare construction documents	September 2007
Approval of Plans and Specifications	March 2008
Award construction contract	May 2008
Complete construction	May 2009
Project available for public use	June 2009

Item			Unit	Total					
	Quantity	Unit	Price	Cost					
Funding Source					River Parkways	RMC	TBD	SEP	2006 Trails Grant
1.0 Proctor Street Entrance									
Demo									
Demolition as needed to prep site									
Clear and grub, site preparation, herbicides, etc.	37,000	sf	\$0.29	\$10,812	\$10,812				
Demo one existing homesite for park entrance	1	ea	\$21,916.00	\$21,916	\$21,916				
Paving									
Driveway, AC	4,000	sf	\$4.38	\$17,533	\$17,533				
Driveway, striping	1	ls	\$2,192.00	\$2,192	\$2,192				
Fencing									
Entry gate, decorative iron with stone pillars, 24'	1	pr	\$29,222.00	\$29,222	\$29,222				
Security fencing at perimeter, decorative iron	20	lf	\$65.75	\$1,315	\$1,315				
Landscaping									
Planting	10,000	sf	\$7.31	\$73,054	\$73,054				
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	10,000	sf	\$1.83	\$18,263	\$18,263				
Signage	1	ls	\$7,305	\$7,305	\$7,305				
Subtotal - Proctor Street Entrance				\$181,612	\$181,612				
2.0 Pocket Park									
Paving									
Trailways, DG	1,000	sf	\$8.77	\$8,766					\$8,766
Fencing									
Security fencing at perimeter, decorative iron	1,200	lf	\$65.75	\$78,898			\$78,898		
Landscaping									
Turf (hydroseed mixture)	43,559	sf	\$0.23	\$10,182					\$10,182
Trees, along Freeway edge - (15'o/c (450 lf) (24" Box)	30	ea	\$255.69	\$7,671					\$7,671
Irrigation, turf and tree areas	43,559	sf	\$1.83	\$79,554			\$69,554		\$10,000
Buildings									
Bathroom facilities, building	600	sf	\$182.63	\$109,581	\$80,000				
Utilities							\$29,581		
Electrical	600	sf	\$21.92	\$13,150					\$13,150
Water	600	sf	\$21.92	\$13,150					\$13,150
Sewer	600	sf	\$14.61	\$8,766					\$8,766
Connections, fire, domestic water, sewer	3	ea	\$4,383.23	\$13,150					\$13,150
Site Amenities									
Picnic tables	5	ea	\$2,629.94	\$13,150					\$13,150
Benches	5	ea	\$1,753.29	\$8,766					\$8,766
Trash receptacles	5	ea	\$1,753.29	\$8,766					\$8,766
Signage/Information Boards	2	ea	\$2,191.61	\$4,383					\$4,383
BBQ Pits	5	ea	\$584.43	\$2,922			\$2,922		
Subtotal - Pocket Park				\$380,855	\$80,000		\$180,955		\$119,900

Item			Unit	Total					
	Quantity	Unit	Price	Cost					
Funding Source					River Parkways	RMC	TBD	SEP	2006 Trails Grant
3.0 Parking Area									
Grading									
Excavation and final prep for parking area	7,000	sf	\$0.73	\$5,114	\$5,114				
Paving									
Parking for cars and buses, DG, 20 stalls	7,000	sf	\$2.70	\$18,921	\$18,921				
Temporary traffic markings	1	ls	\$1,461.08	\$1,461	\$1,461				
Fencing									
Security fencing at perimeter, chainlink, standard	700	lf	\$29.22	\$20,455	\$20,455				
Landscaping									
Trees, along Freeway edge - (15'o/c (150 lf) (24" Box)	10	ea	\$255.69	\$2,557	\$2,557				
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	1	ls	\$7,305.38	\$7,305	\$7,305				
Subtotal - Parking Area				\$55,813	\$55,813				
4.0 Underpass Improvements									
Electrical									
Operation and security lighting	1	ls	\$80,359.13	\$80,359	\$80,359				
Service/Panel Assembly	1	ls	\$21,916.13	\$21,916	\$21,916				
Conduits, allow 4 each @ 3-inch	900	lf	\$65.75	\$59,174	\$59,174				
Wire, allowance	1	ls	\$7,305.38	\$7,305	\$7,305				
Water									
Pipe, fittings, misc supplies	900	lf	\$51.14	\$46,024	\$46,024				
Excavation, water service	900	lf	\$8.04	\$7,232	\$7,232				
Site drainage									
Pipe, fittings, misc supplies	300	lf	\$36.53	\$10,958	\$10,958				
Excavation, bed ding, gravel , etc.	300	lf	\$8.04	\$2,411	\$2,411				
Fire service									
Excavation, pipi ng, fitti ngs, co nnections	300	lf	\$80.36	\$24,108	\$24,108				
Hydrants, valves, PIV,	1	ea	\$2,922.15	\$2,922	\$2,922				
Connections, fire, domestic water, sewer	3	ea	\$4,383.23	\$13,150	\$13,150				
Fencing									
Security gates , entrance, rail , 40 ft opening	2	pr	\$2,191.61	\$4,383	\$4,383				
Paving									
Trailways, AC	2,400		\$3.07	\$7,364	\$7,364				
Subtotal - Underpass Improvements				\$287,306	\$287,306				
5.0 Trailways, interior									
Grading									
Excavation and final prep for trailways	24,000	sf	\$0.73	\$17,533	\$17,533				
Paving									
Trailways, DG	24,000	sf	\$2.70	\$64,872	\$64,872				

Item			Unit	Total					
	Quantity	Unit	Price	Cost					
Funding Source					River Parkways	RMC	TBD	SEP	2006 Trails Grant
Subtotal - Trailways, interior				\$82,405	\$82,405				
6.0 Riparian Corridor									
Landscaping									
Riparian planting	609,826	sf	\$1.46	\$891,002		\$277,479	\$146,523	\$467,000	
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	609,826	sf	\$1.10	\$668,252		\$668,252			
Subtotal - Riparian Corridor				\$1,559,253		\$945,731	\$146,523	\$467,000	
7.0 Wildflower Meadow									
Landscaping									
Native seed mixture	87,118	sf	\$2.92	\$254,572		\$185,000	\$69,572		
Grading/Excavation	87,118	sf	\$0.73	\$63,643	\$63,643				
Irrigation, native seed mixture areas	87,118	sf	\$1.83	\$159,108	\$159,108				
Site Amenities									
Picnic tables	3	ea	\$2,629.94	\$7,890	\$7,890				
Exercise Equipment	1	ls	\$36,526.88	\$36,527	\$36,527				
Exercise Area Safety Mulch	2000	sf	\$21.19	\$42,371	\$42,371				
Signage	2	ea	\$2,191.61	\$4,383	\$4,383				
Benches	3	ea	\$1,753.29	\$5,260	\$5,260				
Subtotal - Wildflower Meadow				\$573,754	\$319,182	\$185,000	\$69,572		
8.0 River Overlook									
Demo									
Demolition as needed to prep site, fence removal, etc.	1250	lf	\$0.73	\$913	\$913				
Excavation and prep for overlook platforms and wall	12,500	sf	\$0.73	\$9,132	\$9,132				
Grading									
Excavation and final prep for overlook area	12,500	sf	\$0.73	\$9,132	\$9,132				
Foundation for ADA overlook platform									
Overlook ADA access ramp pad, form, place, finish	2	cy	\$328.74	\$657			\$657		
Overlook ADA access ramp pad , form, place , finish	2	ea	\$80,359.13	\$160,718	\$160,718				
Landscaping									
Trees, Freeway Edge	84	ea	\$255.69	\$21,478	\$21,478				
Native Plants	3750	sf	\$2.92	\$10,958	\$10,958				
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	3750	ls	\$1.83	\$6,850	\$6,850				
Site Amenities									
Stone wall , replaces existing fence along levee	1250	lf	\$182.63	\$228,293	\$228,293				
Benches	4	ea	\$1,753.29	\$7,013	\$7,013				
Interpretive Signage	2	ea	\$2,191.61	\$4,383	\$4,383				
ADA accessible ramp for overlook, incl. handrails	160	sf	\$219.16	\$35,066	\$35,066				
Electical									
Operation and security lighting	1	ls	\$73,053.75	\$73,054	\$73,054				

Item			Unit	Total					
	Quantity	Unit	Price	Cost					
Funding Source					River Parkways	RMC	TBD	SEP	2006 Trails Grant
Paving									
Levee top extension , AC	12,500	sf	\$3.29	\$41,093	\$41,093				
Subtotal - River Overlook				\$608,739	\$608,082		\$657		
Sub Total Line Items				\$3,729,737	\$1,614,399	\$1,130,731	\$397,707	\$467,000	\$119,900
Soft Costs 23%				\$857,840	\$371,312	\$260,068	\$198,883	\$0	\$27,577
Total - All Elements				\$4,587,577	\$1,985,711	\$1,390,799	\$596,590	\$467,000	\$147,477
Total Project Cost	\$4,587,576								

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-13

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR THE DUCK FARM PHASE 1A IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize a resolution accepting a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated March 28, 2007
3. ACCEPTS a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ON March 28, 2007

Chuck E. Bookhammer, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General